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FOR UNDERSEC ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

1. MINFINACE ABU ISMAIL TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT, AS WE HAD SUGGESTED, HE HAD JUST MET WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO NEGOTIATE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW JAPANESE NON-PROJECT LOAN. TO HIS SURPRISE, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INSISTED THAT WHILE JAPANESE PROJECT LOAN AGREED, GOJ HAS NOT RPT NOT YET AGREED TO ANY 50 MILLION DOLLAR NON-PROJECT LOAN. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED JAPAN STILL SUFFERING FROM BUDGETARY DEFICITS AND COULD GIVE NO RPT NO ASSURANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL NON-PROJECT MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE. THUS, ABU ISMAIL OBSERVED RUEFULLY, JAPAN IS IN EFFECT PROVIDING NO RPT NO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT. SINCE HIS DEMARCH BASED ON INFORMATION WE PROVIDED COULD WE CLARIFY.

2. ABU ISMAIL ALSO SAID HE IS CALLING IN FRG AMBASSADOR TOMORROW TO NEGOTIATE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW AND OLD OFFERS OF GERMAN NON-PROJECT LOANS AS WE HAVE SUGGESTED. HE HOPES HE WILL NOT COME UP AGAINST STONE WALL AS WAS THE CASE TODAY WITH THE JAPANESE.

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3. COMMENT: CONCEIVABLY, JAPANESE NOSE MAY BE OUT
OF JOINT THAT WE HAVE INFORMED GOE OR PERHAPS THERE
IS SOME OTHER REASON. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR RECENTLY
RAISED WITH ME DESIRABILITY WE CONVENE DONORS' MEETING
AS MEANS STIMULATING JAPANESE MINFINANCE, WHO HE
ACKNOWLEDGES IS THE RELUCTANT DRAGON IN THIS EXERCISE.
I TOLD HIM THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF IBRD
CHAired DONOR GROUP, BUT DID NOT KNOW GOE REACTION.
IN ANY EVENT, OUR CREDIBILITY IS AT STAKE AND WE
OWE ABU ISMAIL AND HIS COLLEAGUES SOME EXPLANATION.
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